

1 I claim:

1. A telephone location system comprising:

an assisted GPS telephone handset;

a telephone service provider providing assisted GPS telephone location services in communication with said handset;

6 a consumer location service facility accepting a request from a consumer to locate a particular cellular handset, said consumer location service facility cooperating with said telephone service provider to determine a telephone handset location of said particular telephone handset, said consumer location service facility then communicating said telephone handset location to said consumer.

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2. The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is returned to said consumer by verbal description.

16 3. The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is supplied to said consumer by means of a map.

4. The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein

1 said consumer location facility communicates with said consumer
by internet.

5. The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein
said consumer location facility returns a longitude and latitude
to said consumer.

6 6. The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein
said telephone handset location is blocked by an action of an
owner of said telephone handset.

7. A method for providing consumers a telephone handset location
comprising:

11 requesting a telephone handset location from a consumer
service facility; said consumer service facility

requesting an assisted GPS service provider for a location of
said handset; said assisted GPS service provider

16 determining the location of said handset, said assisted GPS
service provider

communicating the location of said handset to said consumer
service facility;

1 receiving by the consumer the location of said handset from
said consumer service facility.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising blocking said
request when a handset owner has requested privacy.

6 9. The method of claim 7 wherein said request is via the
internet.

10. A consumer service that provides locations of mobile
telephones on demand from consumers for a fee, said consumer
service comprising a means for communicating a consumer request
for location of a mobile telephone to a mobile telephone service
11 provider; a means for receiving back from said mobile telephone
service provider a position of said mobile telephone; a means
for converting said position to a relational position; means for
providing said relation position of said mobile telephone to a
consumer.

16 11. The consumer service of claim 10 wherein said mobile
telephone service provider blocks said request for location.

12. The consumer service of claim 10 wherein said mobile
telephone service provider uses assisted GPS to determine said
longitude and latitude of said mobile telephone.

1 13. A method providing consumers with the current location of a
cellular telephone where a consumer service bureau communicates
with a plurality of mobile service providers comprising the
steps of:

6 a consumer requesting from the consumer service bureau a
current location of a particular mobile telephone by
providing a telephone number of the mobile telephone to the
consumer service bureau, whereby the consumer agrees to pay a
first predetermined fee to the consumer service bureau for
this service;

11 the consumer service bureau determining which mobile
telephone provider owns the telephone number provided by the
consumer;

16 the consumer service bureau requesting from the determined
mobile telephone provider the location of the particular
mobile telephone, whereby the consumer service bureau agrees
to pay a second predetermined fee for this service to the
mobile telephone provider;

21 the mobile telephone provider placing a location request into
its telephone system to locate the particular mobile
telephone;

1 the mobile telephone provider returning a position of the particular mobile telephone to the consumer service bureau;

the consumer service bureau translating the returned position of the particular mobile telephone to a relational format if not in relational format;

6 the consumer service bureau returning the position of the particular mobile telephone to the consumer in relational format or longitude and latitude.

14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of the mobile service provider returning an error message to the consumer service bureau if the particular mobile telephone cannot be located or is in privacy mode.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said privacy mode is partial and is controlled by an identification means to allow location access to parties presenting the identification means.

16 16. The method of claim 15 wherein said identification means is a PIN number.

17. A telephone location system comprising a plurality of mobile service telephone providers pooling location services wherein a consumer could request at least one of said providers to locate

1 a particular mobile telephone and said provider could communicate
with any other of said providers to locate said mobile telephone
and return a location of the telephone to said consumer.

18. The telephone location system of claim 17 wherein at least
one of said service providers charges said consumer a fee for
6 said return of said location.

19. The telephone location system of claim 17 wherein one of
said service providers charges another of said service providers
an access fee for said return of said location.